



**U.S. Forest Service (USFS)**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS (SOPA)**  
April, May and June 2012

Welcome to the April 2012 issue of the **San Juan National Forest SOPA**. As of October 1, 2011, the Bureau of Land Management Tres Rios Field Office (TRFO) and the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) no longer operate under dual delegation. There is now a separate organizational structure adhered to for each individual agency. In the past, we have combined the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) for each agency into one large document. Because the TRFO and SJNF are no longer operating under dual delegation, last quarter (January - March 2012) was the last in which we combined SOPAs.

The SJNF will continue to email and mail a quarterly SOPA to individuals that have requested it. Current updates on projects are also available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanjuan/projects> and <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanjuan/SOPA>. We will continue to include a brief spreadsheet of current TRFO projects, but more detailed information on BLM projects can now be found at [http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Information/nepa/TRFO\\_NEPA.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/TRFO_NEPA.html). Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions regarding this change!

This schedule is produced quarterly and includes all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) project proposals the SJNF anticipates working on over the next three to twelve months. There are two sections in this issue: (1) Cover sheet and definitions and (2) Forest Service projects.

Look for the types of projects that interest you. If you'd like to be involved, please contact the project leader for further information. If you wish to be added to, or removed from our mailing list, or have any other questions regarding the SOPA, please call or email Elysia Retzlaff at 970-385-1253 or [emretzlaff@fs.fed.us](mailto:emretzlaff@fs.fed.us).

***Your continued interest and involvement  
is appreciated and welcome!***

## GLOSSARY

**(CE) Categorical Exclusion:** A category of Forest Service actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact assessment is required, i.e., road easements or parking lots.

**(DM) Decision Memo:** A concise written record of a Responsible Official's decision to implement an action that has been categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA).

**(DN) Decision Notice:** A concise written record of a Responsible Official's decision based on an Environmental Assessment.

**(EA) Environmental Assessment** (a)...a public document that serves to: 1) provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact (FONSI); 2) aid an agency's compliance with NEPA when no EIS statement is necessary; 3) facilitate preparation of an EIS when one is necessary. (b)...includes a discussion of the need for the proposal, the alternatives considered, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and a listing of agencies and persons consulted.

**(EIS) Environmental Impact Statement:** A detailed document undertaken for a major Federal action that significantly affects the quality of the human environment. In an EIS, the affected environment is described, a proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action are presented, and effects of the alternatives are analyzed. An EIS is prepared first in draft form. The draft document (DEIS) is sent out to interested individuals, organizations, and government agencies for review. The final document (FEIS) is prepared after analyzing and responding to the DEIS comments.

**Scoping:** The procedure by which a federal agency identifies important issues and determines the extent of analysis necessary for an informed decision on a proposed action. Scoping is an integral part of environmental analysis.